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**From:** Peterson, Cynthia [Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/18/2015 7:04:30 PM  
**To:** Samuel Wilson [swilson@dailyinterlake.com]  
**CC:** Parker, Robert [Parker.Robert@epa.gov]; Mylott, Richard [Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Community Involvement at Superfund Sites  
**Attachments:** CFAC Fact Sheet final.pdf

Hi, Sam.

A Community Advisory Group, or CAG, is made up of residents affected by a Superfund or other hazardous waste site. A CAG provides a public forum where representatives of diverse community interests can discuss their needs and concerns related to the site as well as obtain information about the site cleanup process. CAGs are a community initiative, but EPA can provide varying levels of support and assistance depending on the needs of the community. For more information, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/cag/whatis.htm>.

I'd be happy to let you know about our community involvement activities. In fact, we just completed the attached fact sheet to update the community on the status of the site.

Best regards,  
Cynthia

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**From:** Samuel Wilson [mailto:swilson@dailyinterlake.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2015 9:01 AM  
**To:** Peterson, Cynthia  
**Subject:** Re: Community Involvement at Superfund Sites

Hi Cynthia-

Thanks for getting in touch, please feel free to keep me posted on any new developments. Are the community advisory groups you referred to something initiated by the EPA? That's the first I've heard of that, aside from the citizen panel that CFAC and Glencore have put together recently.

Sam

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On Jun 18, 2015, at 7:55 AM, Peterson, Cynthia wrote:

Hello, Mr. Willson.

Rob Parker asked that I send you some information about community involvement opportunities during a Superfund cleanup. There are a number of opportunities for the public to be informed about and to meaningfully participate in the Superfund decision-making process. There are legal or policy requirements for community involvement that form the foundation of our community involvement efforts. For example, the public comment period associated with the recent proposal to add the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company Plant to the National Priorities List is one such activity. However, additional community involvement activities often are undertaken to better engage the community in the Superfund process.

Opportunities for the public to be engaged in the Superfund process include:

- Attending a public meeting and/or providing comments on the proposed plan for cleanup
- Participating in a community advisory group
- Attending a public meeting or reading written materials to learn about the remedial design for the site

There are numerous steps in the Superfund process, and there are associated opportunities for community involvement at each step. For more information about these, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/process.htm>.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,  
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